Approved For Release 2005/08/17 : CIA-RDP80-00809A000500800112-6 ILLEGIB CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY 25X1 INFORMATION REPORT **COUNTRY** USSR SUBJECT Air Maneuvers in the Caucasus 25X1 DATE DISTR. 25 Feb 1954 NO. OF PAGES 1 ND 794, OF THE U.S. CODE, AS AMENDED. ITS TRANSMISSION OR REVE NO. OF ENCLS. THE REPRODUCTION OF THIS REPORT IS PROBLETE SUPP. TO THIS IS UNEVALUATED INFORMATION REPORT NO. 25X1 1. Air forces based on the following airfields took part in maneuvers beginning 3 Nov 53 and ending fifteen days later: Pskhou (north of Sohoum) Romanouskaya (northeast of Dahkousku) Khouberidjala (southwest of Mt. El Brus) Vani (northeast of Kutais) Kodory (east of Pot1) Khani (north of Akhaltsikhe) 2. The problem for these maneuvers was defense of the airfields para one against attack. Participating were AA batteries and automatic guns from artillery units stationed near the airfields. In some regions, mounted troops and light tanks participated. 3. Special headquarters were set up for the maneuvers. 4. During the maneuvers, many munitions dumps were noted. These were carefully camouflaged and still remain so. Apparently they were not used at all during the maneuvers and are there for other purposes. These dumps are placed along the railroad line and are usually near the larger central stations, near the sirfields mentioned in paragraph one. 5. In early Nov 1953, maneuvers began in the coastal sector between Beregovaia and Voulansk. The problem set for these maneuvers was defense against an attack from the sea. Coast guards, both ashore and afloat, were mobilized during the maneuvers, which lasted for several weeks and apparently well into Dec 1953. The air force cooperated. General staff observers expressed satisfaction. 25X1 25X1 25X1 SECRET DISTRIBUTION - STATE ARMY HAVY AIR This report is for the use within the USA of the Intelligence components of the Departments or Agencies indicated above. It is not to be transmitted overseas without the concurrence of the originating office through the Assistant Director of the Office of Collection and Dissemination, CIA.

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